

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



**Harvesting rice, sorghum, and corn and defoliating cotton*

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RELEASED: September 20, 1999 3:00 p.m. Patchy rain across the southwest and central sections of the state early in the week produced little to no amounts. A pleasant week with mostly sunny skies and temperatures below normal according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 28 percent very short, 49 percent short, 22 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included harvesting rice, sorghum and corn and defoliating cotton. Other activities included planting winter wheat, brush hogging, started cotton and soybean harvesting and continued harvesting peas, preparing land for planting of annual forages such as rye, and ryegrass, liming pastures, irrigating soybeans for the last time, and scouting for and treating webworms in soybeans.

CROPS: Spraying fields for insects were reported in the state. Fertilizer applications to fields were also reported. Tree fruit and small fruits were being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in good condition. Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves, fall calving, and pregnancy check spring bred cows. Cattle were given Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				3	12	38	40	7
Turning Color	100	99	99					
Mature	97	84	88					
Harvested	82	66	63					
COTTON				5	10	34	36	15
Bolls Opening	85	76	70					
Harvested	7	4	4					
RICE				1	4	26	47	22
Harvested	56	54	48					
SOYBEANS				9	19	31	31	10
Setting Pods	100	100	99					
Shedding	24	24	16					
Harvested	8	6	4					
CORN								
Harvested	90	91	86					
WHEAT								
Planted	0	0	1					
Emerged	0	0	0					
ALFALFA				5	31	40	24	0
OTH. HAY				13	33	39	15	0
PASTURE				15	34	38	13	0

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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